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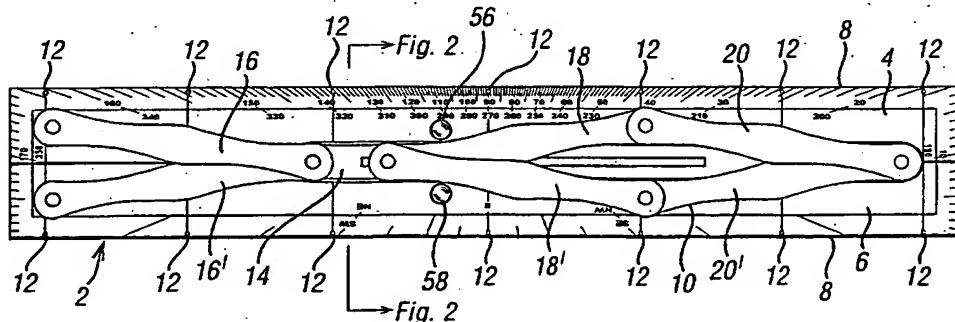
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(57) Abstract: A parallel rule is disclosed having two component rules (4, 6) each providing one of two opposed parallel straight edges. A linkage (10) allows relative movement of the rules in a direction orthogonal to the straight edges but prohibits relative movement in a direction parallel to the straight edges. At least one component rule has at least one through hole (12) suitable to receive the point of a pencil.

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